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1. ANY ANALYSIS OF PORTUGAL'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS MUST BEGIN WITH THE FACT THAT APRIL 25, 1974 COUP ENDED PORTUGAL'S MORE THAN DECADE-OLD GUERRILLA WARS IN AFRICA. DURING THE AFRICA WARS, THE US ARMS EMBARGO RESTRICTED USE OF US EQUIPMENT TO NATO PURPOSES, FORCING PORTUGUESE TO GO ELSEWHERE TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT THE US REFUSED TO SUPPLY. ALL THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL WAS OBTAINED THROUGH MILITARY SALES. LISBON DAO AND MAAG HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING MILITARY SALES:

--24 SPANISH CASA C 112 AVIOCAR TWIN TURBOPROP LIGHT TRANSPORT IN FY-75. GOP PURCHASED THIS AIRCRAFT IN LIEU OF US C-130'S BECAUSE OF EMBARGO. THE AVIOCAR, WITH PAYLOAD OF ONLY 4,410 LBS, IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR THEIR NEEDS. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE USED AS LEVER FOR MORE GRANT AID.

--32 FRENCH CESSNA 0-2A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS IN FY-75. THIS VERSION OF SUPER SKYMASTER TANDEM-ENGINED CABIN MONOPLANE WAS

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PURCHASED IN FRANCE. THIS AIRCRAFT IS SUFFICIENT FOR GOP

MILITARY NEEDS. US VERSION PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BUT FOR THE ARMS EMBARGO. UNLIKELY TO BE USED AS LEVER FOR MORE GRANT AID.

--PURCHASE OF UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TWIN ENGINE MEDIUM-SIZE FRENCH SUD-AVIATION SA 330 PUMA HELICOPTERS IN FY-73 AND FY-74.

THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IS QUITE SATISFIED WITH THIS AIRCRAFT EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD PREFER THE HIGHER QUALITY US H-1 AND CH-3.

--PURCHASE OF UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF RADIOS AND JEEPS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. QUALITY AND USEFULNESS VERY HIGH. UNLIKELY TO BE USED AS LEVER FOR MORE GRANT AID.

--PURCHASE OF FIVE 90MM CANNON FROM BELGIUM. THIS SALE WAS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOUNTING THE CANNON ON PORTUGUESE CHAIMITE ARMORED CARS.

--PURCHASE OF BATTERY OF THREE SELF-PROPELLED CONDOR (A REDE-SIGNATED CROTALE SYSTEM) SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSLES AND ASSOCIATED RADAR FROM FRANCE THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA.

--SINCE THE APRIL 1974 COUP, PORTUGAL HAS NOT CONCLUDED ANY ARMS DEALS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. IN OUR OPINION, SALES BEFORE THAT DATE NIETHER COMPETED WITH NOR WERE INIMICAL TO THE US MAP PROGRAM. WE DO NOT FORESEE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. UNTIL THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES CLEARLY DEFINE FUTURE ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE SERVICES, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE WILL BE USED AS A LEVER TO INFLUENCE THE USG MAP TO PORTUGAL.

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